



## OVERSEAS TICKER

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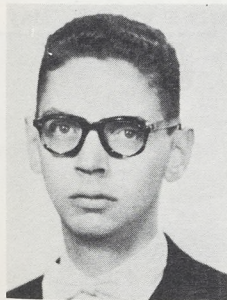
Britain's Attorney General has alleged contempt in *Newsweek's* coverage of the Dr. Samuel Adams murder trial. The article cited noted that a remarkable number of Dr. Adams' elderly patients remembered him in their wills when they died, and stated: "Eastbourne's frenzied gossip pushed Dr. Adams' alleged victims as high as 400."

The article was published in *Newsweek* during the trial at Old Bailey. The issue containing it was withdrawn from circulation shortly after it appeared on newsstands. Dr. Adams was found not guilty.

The Attorney General named Eldon Griffiths, chief European correspondent for *Newsweek*, and the distributors in bringing suit on the alleged contempt. He said there was no evidence at the trial as to the number of patients who had remembered Dr. Adams in their wills nor any suggestion that his alleged victims were as high as 400. He said such statements were clearly calculated to interfere with due administration  
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### VILLAR BORDA "FREE TO RETURN TO COLOMBIA"

Carlos J. Villar Borda, UP bureau manager in Bogota, Colombia, who had his credentials withdrawn and was fined \$3,000 last September by the Pinilla government, "is free to return to Colombia and resume his work," according to a UP report Tuesday.



VILLAR BORDA

had been accused of slander by the government and fined for reporting that government police assaulted and killed civilians at a bull ring.

Brig. Gen. Juan B. Cordoba, secretary of Colombia's new military junta, made the announcement at a press conference in Bogota Monday.

Villar Borda

### THE PRESIDENT REPORTS...

*All those who attended the exciting and successful Annual Awards Dinner May 6 agree that never before have morale and enthusiasm been higher, never before have prospects for the Overseas Press Club been brighter.*

*Everyone, it seems to me, has correctly evaluated this moment in OPC history. But the enthusiasm has to be maintained; the prospects are yet to be realized.*

*Our chances of doing both are excellent. As President, I am deeply grateful to the membership for providing a strong, able and energetic team of officers and governors. Let me assure you that we are all dedicated to making this a year of unusual devotion to improvements of the Club in every field of our activity.*

*This goal can be realized, quite naturally, only with an equal devotion on the part of all members -- Active, Associate and Affiliate.*

*It is immensely encouraging, as committees are being named and projects being prepared, to find among so many members such spontaneous eagerness to galvanize Club operations. However, to realize our full potentialities, the Club needs the active participation of all members here at home and, to the degree they can, our expanding numbers of overseas members.*

*We begin the year with the treasury in good condition. But certain income-producing projects must be undertaken to provide revenue for an enlargement and intensification of our activities.*

*As busy as the Club has been the past year, our plans call for more special luncheons and important professional and social functions almost every evening.*

*A number of projects are being formulated to advance the rights of freedom of the press, the dissemination of more news from abroad, professional aid to American correspondents overseas and inspiration to young people to enter our profession.*

*A special committee, to include all past presidents and current officers, is being set up to plan for the future development of the OPC, over the next two-to-five year period.*

*A special membership drive will be*  
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## TALBERT CHAIRMAN'S PROGRAM COMMITTEE

### BROWN MAKES EXECUTIVE, BULLETIN COM. APPOINTMENTS

President Cecil Brown has announced his first appointment to a major Club post. With the unanimous endorsement of the Board of Governors May 9, he appointed Ansel Talbert chairman of the Program Committee.

In requesting the endorsement, Brown told the Board he felt strongly the Club would be fortunate to have as chairman of the influential committee a man with "such a wealth of contacts and experience." He expressed "delight" that the former vice president accepted the appointment, and that the new administration is undertaking the work of the new year with the unanimous support of all members.

All committees performing functions in the Club of a social or professional nature report to the Program Committee.

Brown also appointed John Wilhelm chairman of the Bulletin Committee for a second year. The president is to make the remaining committee appointments with the approval of the Board of Governors May 16.

Daniel Van Acker, elected Apr. 30 as first alternate to the Board of Governors, was appointed a member of the Board. He replaces Tom Whitney who resigned May 3 as Governor following his election as Vice President.

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## Club Calendar

Tues., May 21 — Regional Dinner: Denmark. Reception, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. \$3.50. (Subscription Series No. 3 valid.)

Thurs., May 23 — Special Open House — Guy Lombardo. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m. followed by usual buffet supper. (See story, p. 3.)

Mon., May 27 — Special OPC Screening — "Pursuit of the Graf Spee," starring John Gregson and Anthony Quayle. Royal Command Performance Film, 1956. A Rank Production. 8:30 p.m. Reservations at OPC.

Tues., May 28 — Open House — Details to be announced.





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of criminal law and to prejudice the fair trial of Dr. Adams.

The suit raised the question of responsibility for articles appearing in foreign magazines distributed here. It submitted that a similar article appearing in a national newspaper would have left no doubt that the printers and publishers would be guilty of contempt. The question asked was whether in the case of a foreign journal, the distributors could be held responsible. Judgment has not yet been given.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard, commented that as the trial created such world-wide interest it might have been that distributors of a foreign journal should have seen how the trial was being dealt with, "particularly in view of the style of presenting articles in *Newsweek*."

The distributors said that from twenty years' experience with *Newsweek* they had no reason to think the issue in question contained anything objectionable.

Norman Ross, *Time-Life* bureau chief who replaced Don Burke, still is apartment-hunting...Bob Gibson, who replaced Morrie Helitzer in the London bureau of McGraw-Hill, hosted a party for AP's George McArthur, who was visiting from Paris.

William Coughlin

### CARACAS

John Blake, new area correspondent for *Time*, succeeding Harvey Rosenhouse who was re-assigned to the U.S., left Venezuela after an extended first visit to this part of his new territory.

Gordon H. Barrows, managing editor of *World Petroleum*, is here on a second visit in connection with a special issue (July) of the magazine on the Venezuelan petroleum industry.

Dave Belnap, UP director of Latin American services, visited here from Bogota briefly. Carlos Villar Borda,

interim UP manager in Venezuela, is expected to leave for the U.S. next month. Belnap is nominally holding the fort for UP in Colombia until a new manager is appointed to succeed Villar Borda, transferred from there in early March.

New public affairs officer Harry S. Casler has arrived in the Embassy. He was with the Panamanian Embassy. He replaces George Butler, now assigned to Chile.

Everett A. Bauman

### BONN

The NATO Council session in Bonn at the beginning of May produced one of the largest assemblages of visiting firemen correspondents that this pint-sized metropolis on the Rhine ever has seen.

Including the numerous local German and foreign press corps, about 500 reporters, correspondents, pundits, photographers and newsreel and TV cameramen squeezed themselves into Bonn's limited housing and hotel accommodations and jammed to capacity the big Christian Democratic party caucus room in the Parliament Building where NATO Press Officer Geoffrey Parsons held twice-daily briefings.

The Germans handled the press arrangements with their usual thoroughness and there was a minimum of griping. The briefings were conducted in English with simultaneous translations into French and German through head-phones attached to minute radio receivers.

About 400 of these gadgets were available at the outset. A final count when the two-day Council session ended showed about thirty-five were missing - presumably pocketed by souvenir hounds, since the receivers can't be put to any conceivable practical use without the transmitter.

The American out-of-town squad included Joseph Dynan, AP, Paris; Arthur Gavshon, AP, London; Richard O'Regan, AP, Frankfurt, Brack Curry, AP, Frankfurt; Don Shanor, UP, Frankfurt; Karol Thaler, UP, London; Harold

Callender, N.Y. *Times*, Paris; William J. Humphreys, N.Y. *Herald Tribune*, Paris; Edgar Clark, *Time-Life*, Vienna; Charles Foltz, U.S. *News*, Washington; Russ Braley, N.Y. *Daily News*, Vienna; Waldo Drake, *Los Angeles Times*, Paris; Marcel Wallenstein, *Kansas City Star*, Paris; William Stoneman, *Chicago Daily News*, Paris; Murray Marder, *Washington Post*, London; Dick Fryklund, *Washington Star*, Paris; and Robert B. Hewett, Cowles Publications.

State Department spokesman Andrew Berding flew here with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and handled the U.S. delegation briefings. He was aided by U.S. Embassy Press Attache William Bell and Ernest Wiener, special assistant to the director of the Embassy's Office of Public Affairs.

Joseph Grigg

### CANNES

The biggest aggregation of press, radio and TV photographers and newsreel men and women since the Grace Kelly-Prince Rainier wedding is giving the world's celluloid output and the current crop of starlets the once-over at the Tenth International Cannes Film Festival.

About 700 of us from forty-six nations alternate between the darkened cinema palace, where fifty miles of film are to be unspooled within two weeks, and the sun-drenched beaches, where two Lapland child actors frolic around the Soviet Marilyn Monroe.

Among the newsmen are Robert Ahier, UP; Art Buchwald, N.Y. *Herald Tribune*; Sally Carthage, *Time-Life*; Jack Gee, *Reuter's*; George Herald, *Worldwide Press Service*; Robert Y. Horiguchi, INS, Toni Howard and James O'Donnell, *Saturday Evening Post*; Harvey Hudson, AP; Jacqueline de Mauduit, *Bounty* magazine; Gene Moskowitz and Joe Schoenfeld, *Variety*; Bernard Valery, N.Y. *Daily News*. Ludwig Bemelmans and Lillian Ross, *New Yorker*, are expected to arrive soon.

Bernard S. Redmont

Malcolm Muggeridge, former editor of the *London Daily Telegraph* and present editor-in-chief of *Punch* and the British TV Commentator, was feted by Boleslaw Wierzbianski at a party at the OPC May 2.

### THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB

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## NEWSMAN ARRESTED

George Weller, correspondent for the *Chicago Daily News*, was arrested and held under guard for thirty hours by East German police April 29.

A Pulitzer prize winner, Weller was arrested while returning to Poland from West Berlin. He was taken into custody after he had offered to pay a highway tax with money he had not declared to customs when he crossed earlier from Poland to East Germany.

Weller said he had declared \$560 in dollar credits and checks but had not bothered to mention other U.S., Polish, Austrian and South American currency, according to a UP report.

## PYLE HONORED

A plaque honoring Ernie Pyle, presented by the officers of the U.S. 77th Infantry Division, is in the OPC Memorial Library.

In services last month, Major General Alfred G. Tuckerman, the 77th's Commanding General, presented the plaque to the OPC which reads: "From the 77th Inf. Division. In Memory of Ernie Pyle, A Soldier in Its Ranks, April 18, 1957."

Pyle was killed April 18, 1945, while covering the war in the South Pacific with the Division on Ie Shima island.

## RIO OPC CHAPTER HOLDS FIRST SESSION . . .



Present at the first meeting of the Rio de Janeiro chapter of the OPC Apr. 16 were (front, left to right) Piero Saporiti, *Time-Life*; Fred L. Strozier (chairman of the group), AP; Frank M. Garcia, *N. Y. Times*; (back, left to right) Tad Szulc, *N. Y. Times*; Peter Weaver, McGraw-Hill; and Julius Golden, AP. Other members of the group not shown are Ewaldo M. Castro, AP; Joe Taylor and John Alius, UP; Thomas J. Stone, AP; and Henry Bagley, formerly with the AP and now with the Rockefeller organization in Sao Paulo. The regional chapter will hold monthly luncheon meetings, highlighted by addresses by major government and civic leaders.

### PICTURES?

Pictures of the Annual Awards Dinner Dance in the May 11 issue of *The Overseas Press Bulletin* were made by the official OPC photographer, Ann Meuer. Call CO 5-9728 or PL 9-5386.

## GUY LOMBARDO AND "SHOW BOAT" CAST TO BE HONORED MAY 23

Guy Lombardo and his brothers will be among the guests at a special OPC Open House May 23 when "Show Boat" performers and producers are honored.

By arrangement with Lombardo, who is producing the show as well as performing for it, and with the Long Island State Park Commission, the OPC is participating in opening night June 27 at the Jones Beach Marine Theater. Chairman of the Club's arrangements, Will Yolen, says the OPC will receive fifty percent of the opening night gross receipts, estimated at \$8,000.

Principles in the cast who will attend the OPC reception are Helena Bliss, Gloria Hamilton, Lou Wills, Jr. and Marie Foster. State officials also will attend.

Special seating sections in the Jones Beach theater will be made available to Club members with tickets at regular prices.

The Hammerstein and Kern musical, based on a novel by Edna Ferber, will be entering its second season at Jones Beach. It was originally planned for one season only, but is being repeated this year.

## HOLEMAN MARRIED

Frank Holeman, *New York News* Washington bureau, and Lucille Lazzari, former member of the bureau, were married May 11 in the St. Matthew's Catholic Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

Russell F. Anderson, McGraw-Hill Int'l. publisher, left May 10 for a six-weeks' European tour for his magazines.

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# UN Fighting Question of Press Freedom Standards

by Mary Hornaday

United Nations, N.Y.

Efforts to get United Nations' press coverage on a more objective and professional basis were speeded up after two provocative incidents.

The first occurred when a statement signed by "spokesman for UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold" was issued Mar. 12 criticising a "report in a New York newspaper" of a disagreement at a meeting of the United Nations Emergency Force advisory committee. The spokesman continued that "meetings of the advisory committee were closed meetings" and "if at any time it were thought to be desirable for a statement to be made on the proceedings of an advisory committee meeting, it would, by agreement with the committee's members, be made by or on behalf of the Secretary-General."

Recognizing the journalistic initiative as having been that of the able N.Y. Times correspondent Thomas J. Hamilton, the executive committee of the UN Correspondents Association immediately framed a reply for publication but held it up when overtures came from the Secretary-General's office for a conference. Out of this conference came a provision for the useful press briefings now conducted daily by Wilder Foote, director of the press and publications division of the Department of Public Information.

But into this atmosphere of sweetness and light, a second bombshell was soon to fall when another UN accredited correspondent, Nathan Silberberg of the Israeli newspaper *Herut*, published by the minority political party by that name, put this question to the Secretary-General at his Apr. 25 press conference: "Mr. Secretary-General, when you returned from Egypt, you announced that a 'gentleman's agreement' was arrived at between you and Nasser's regime. My question to you is this: How is it possible to make a 'gentleman's agreement' with a person who is not a gentleman?"

Mr. Hammarskjold caught the ball quickly. His only reply was: "I don't think much of that question."

Though Silberberg is not a member of the UN Correspondents Association, UNCA's executive committee immediately went into session and wrote a note of apology "that your press conferences are sometimes used for political manifestations." The committee said it "particularly regrets the statement made at today's conference by one correspondent which it considers was out of order against the head of a member state of the UN."

With the posting of this letter, the

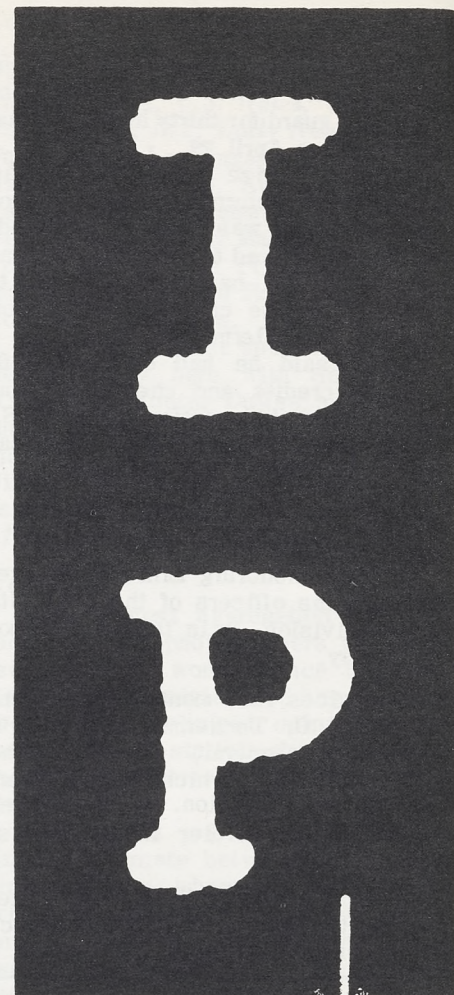
UNCA bulletin board burst into a rash of letters of opinion on the wisdom of the executive committee's action, including a minority report from Joseph P. Lash of the N.Y. Post and Jacques Edinger of Agence France-Presse who deplored "the setting up of UNCA as a judge of the questions that can properly be asked" at a UN press conference. Also posted was a defense of the UNCA governors by veteran Max Beer of the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, a diplomatic correspondent since League of Nations days who said they had "simply attempted to restore an atmosphere of courtesy and respect for the highest official of the UN, an atmosphere which had been uselessly disturbed."

Beer said the reply from Mr. Hammarskjold "showed the purpose has been attained." This reply from the Secretary-General said:

"I share your hope that we jointly will be able to maintain the press conference on the objective level of fact-finding and information which traditionally is theirs. May I, on this occasion, once again say how much I appreciate the opportunity the press conferences give me of meeting with the highly responsible and well-informed representatives which you count as members of the association."

With approximately 250 regularly-accredited correspondents in addition to "transients" from all over the world, the UN admittedly has a problem in pioneering its way into adequate press freedom standards. This difficulty was mirrored a few years ago when outstanding editors from the United States and other nations met at Lake Success to write an international convention on freedom of information and failed because of the variety of national definitions. The present controversies appear to be part of the inevitable trial-and-error method by which international press freedom and other UN standards are gradually being hewn out.

Readers will remember Mary Hornaday's first article in The Overseas Press Bulletin on the United Nations which appeared in December. She is The Christian Science Monitor's UN and New York correspondent, having been with that paper for thirty years.



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## Wire Services Speak on USIA's Activities

A U.S. Senate Subcommittee's hearings on USIA's budget problems wound up this week with statements by the three U.S. wire services.

AP's Frank Starzel and INS' J. Kingsbury Smith appeared to agree that USIA was not in serious competition in the distribution of news to foreign nations. Frank H. Bartholomew, UP president, reported, however, a "built-in tendency (by USIA) to jump the fence and cover the news in general."

"This is a position," he said, "from which some major countries have been trying to extricate themselves for the past quarter-century in emulation of the success of our completely free methods of news-gathering."

Starzel said USIA has been guilty of "occasional deviations" from the agency's official mission. But the AP general manager concluded that USIA's activities are not "presently harmful or disadvantageous to us in a practical sense."

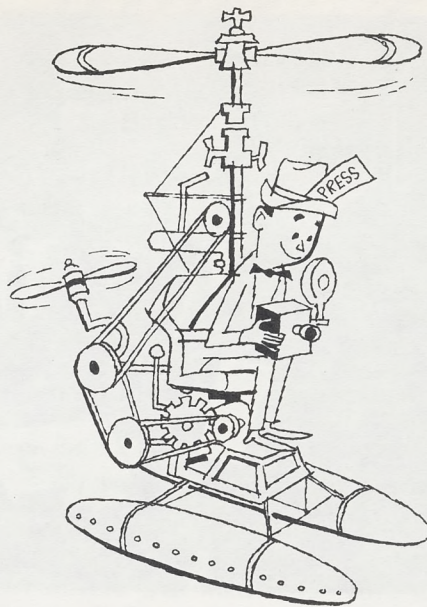
INS general manager Smith said he never had reason to feel that the agency was competing in "any serious way" with U.S. news services.

In fact, Smith said, USIA had made it possible for INS in some instances to gain access to speeches, texts and similar material which otherwise might not have been available.

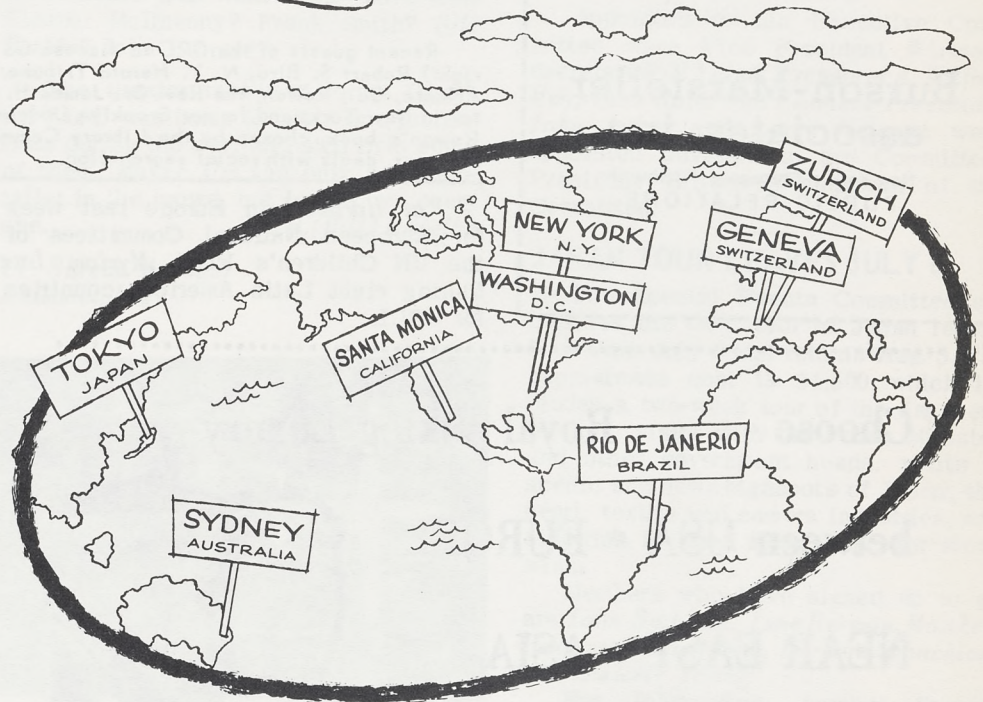
Smith also proposed creation of an advisory committee, made up of USIA officials and wire service representatives to tackle future problems.

USIA director Arthur Larson called the idea "excellent" and said the agency's policy was not to compete with the news services.

(Editor's note: Above report was based on a UP dispatch from Washington.)



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## JACKIE ROBINSON AT OPC FOR BOOK EVENING



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Recent guests of the OPC to discuss *Go South to Sorrow*, by Carl T. Rowan, were (left to right) Robert S. Bird, N. Y. *Herald Tribune*; Daniel Duke, former Ass't. District Attorney of Atlanta, Ga.; Rowan; the Rev. Dr. James H. Robinson of the Presbyterian Church of the Master in New York; and former Brooklyn Dodgers National League Ball Player Jackie Robinson. Rowan's book, chosen by the Library Committee as the subject of the last Book Evening of the year, deals with racial segregation.

Pat Hartwell in Europe last week for European National Committees of the UN Children's Fund...Myriam Luz touring eight Latin American countries for WRUL.

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Dr. Hans Hermans, director of the Netherlands Antilles' Public Information Dep't., was a guest of Fred Vaz Diaz at the OPC May 10; formerly with *Maasbode*, leading Dutch newspaper, Hermans is in the U.S. on a one-month lecture tour.

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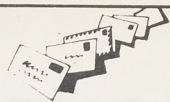
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## LETTERS



Dear Editor,

I wish to thank, through *The Overseas Press Bulletin*, all of my friends and former colleagues for their expressions of sympathy over the loss of my wife, Karolina N. Hawley, in an automobile accident May 9. Funeral services were held in Bristol, Conn., on May 11 and burial was in the Hawley family plot in West Cemetery of that city.

Hudson R. Hawley

New York

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed Al Keshen's piece on the Panama Canal Zone...

It's good to hear via *Crede Calhoun* that Luis Noli and Rufus Hardy are still in harness. But what's the word from Eleanor McIlhenny? Frank Smith? *Bill Forbis*? John Leonard?

The theater that war forgot (thank the Lord) was home to many fine journalists during the war, and still is to some of them. Maybe I'm the only sentimentalist in the crowd, but I miss 'em every one.

C.B. (Bill) Engelke

UP Bureau Manager  
Philadelphia

## THE PRESIDENT REPORTS

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undertaken to attract more Active members, here and abroad, men and women working for newspapers, wire services, magazines, radio and television stations and networks.

Your officers and governors, who have been given the responsibility of guiding the destinies of your Club for 1957-58, feel that OPC is on the threshold of immense stature based on solid achievement.

I earnestly ask your energy, wisdom and presence, that we may realize our rich opportunities to advance the noble and freedom-preserving cause of communications.

Cecil Brown

## TALBERT CHAIRMANS

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Appointed to the Executive Committee were Vice President Whitney, Secretary Will Yolen, Treasurer A. Wilfred May, Inez Robb and Emanuel Freedman. John Luter and Larry Newman were appointed advisors to the Committee. President Brown is chairman of the Committee.

## JAPAN TOUR LEAVES JULY 6

The Special Events Committee announces the OPC tour of Japan leaves New York July 6 and returns Aug. 5. The approximate cost is \$1,500 which includes a two-week tour of the Japanese islands, visits with the Prime Minister and other government heads, visits to scenic and news highspots of Japan, the pearl, textile and camera industries, and sidetrips to Hong Kong, etc., for those wish.

Members who have signed up to go are John Barkham, June Herman, Matthew Huttner, Wilfred May, Herbert Schachian, and Marjorie Young.

For information, contact Special Events Committee chairman David Shefrin at once through the OPC.

## RIO de JANEIRO

Henry W. Bagley, public relations director for the International Basic Economy Corp. in Brazil, with headquarters in Sao Paulo, left for New York May 15 on home leave. Bagley, charter member of OPC's regional overseas chapter in Rio, was in Rio for luncheon dates with newsmen friends. Bagley was with AP.

Julius Golden, AP, left May 11 for La Paz, Bolivia, via Buenos Aires. Golden will cover the two-week meeting of the UN Economic Commission for Latin America there May 15-29. Covering for the *N.Y. Times* will be Tad Szulc, also stationed in Rio. Julius Golden

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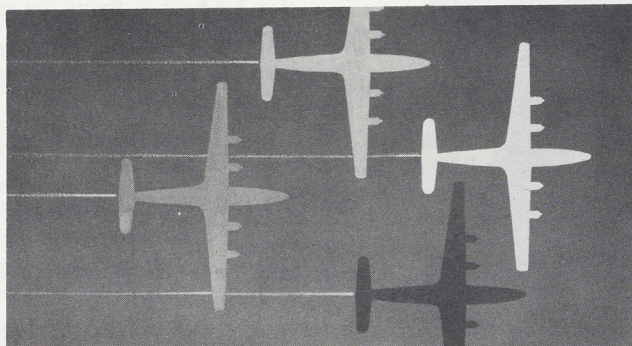
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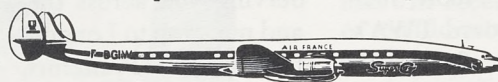
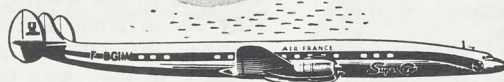


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